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Page 6GRIFFON LAUNCH EXERCISE

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1. THE FILM INCLUDES A SEQUENCE ON THE TRANSFER OF A GRIFFON MISSILE FROM ITS READY BUILDING TO THE BOOM-TYPE LAUNCHER AND ITS SUBSEQUENT LAUNCH PURPORTEDLY AT A TARGET MISSILE. OF SPECIAL NOTE ARE THE CONFIRMATION OF THE USE OF RAILS AND RAIL-MOUNTED DOLLIES BETWEEN THE READY BUILDING AND THE LAUNCH POINT, AND THE FIRST DETAILED VIEW OF THE LAUNCHER WITH AND WITHOUT THE MISSILE.
2. THIS SEQUENCE WAS PHOTOGRAPHED AT SARY-SHAGAN ANTIMISSILE TEST CENTER, A FACT BASED ON THE TERRAIN AND FENCING OBSERVED IN THE FILM AND THE ABSENCE OF OTHER READY BUILDINGS WHICH WOULD BE VISIBLE IF THE FILM HAD BEEN SHOT AT LENINGRAD (THE ONLY OTHER LOCATION IN THE USSR KNOWN TO HAVE SUCH FACILITIES).

THE EXACT LAUNCH SITE CANNOT BE DETERMINED BUT IS EITHER LAUNCH SITE 5 OR 6, LAUNCH COMPLEX "A". [REDACTED] COVERAGE OF LENINGRAD SOUTHWEST AMM/SAM LAUNCH COMPLEX SHOWS THE SIMILARITY OF SITE "A" WITH SITE 5 AT SATC, AND THE FACILITIES IN THE FILM; THUS CONCLUSIVELY RELATING GRIFFON DEPLOYMENT TO THE LENINGRAD COMPLEXES.

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